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New Jersey's Corn Production Up 7 Percent from the September 1 Forecast

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around October 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

- Corn production is forecast at 7.35 million bushels, an increase of 7 percent from the September 1, 2005, forecast. Expected yield per harvested acre is 113 bushels per acre, down 30 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield is 143 bushels per acre, set in 2004. The 10-year (1995-2004) state average yield is 101.9 bushels per acre. Based on administrative information, farmers expect to harvest 65,000 acres of corn for grain, up 4,000 acres from September.
- **Soybean** production is set at 2.98 million bushels, down 16 percent from the September 1, 2005, forecast. New Jersey soybean production in 2004 was 4.33 million bushels. The October 1, 2005, soybean yield is forecast at 32 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the previous month's forecast. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average (1995-2004) is 31.3 bushels per acre. Harvested acreage is revised to 93,000 acres, down 8,000 acres, based on administrative information. Area harvested in 2004 was 103,000 acres.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

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	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
Сгор	Final 2004	Sept 1 2005 Forecast	Oct 1 2005 Forecast	Final 2004	Sept 1 2005 Forecast	Oct 1 2005 Forecast	Final 2004	Sept 1 2005 Forecast	Oct 1 2005 Forecast
NEW JERSEY	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	72	61	65	143.0	113.0	113.0	10,296.0	6,893.0	7,345.0
Soybeans	103	101	93	42.0	35.0	32.0	4,326.0	3,535.0	2,976.0
UNITED STATES	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Million Bushels -		
Corn for grain	73,632	74,318	74,333	160.4	143.2	146.1	11,807.2	10,638.7	10,857.4
Soybeans	73,958	72,184	71,270	42.2	39.6	41.6	3,123.7	2,856.4	2,967.1

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released November 12, 2005.